

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1556-01
Bill No.: HB 612
Subject: Education, Higher; Higher Education Department; Military Affairs
Type: Original
Date: February 7, 2007

Bill Summary: This proposal expands the Vietnam Veteran's Survivor Grant Program to include Vietnam veterans who are one hundred percent disabled.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Higher Education (DHE)** assume the fiscal impact of qualifying Vietnam veterans that are one hundred percent disabled for eligibility in the Vietnam veteran's survivors grant is unknown. The extent to which this aspect of the program could be utilized is currently unknown, as the potential applicants are unknown. It is difficult to know the number of those currently eligible that would want to take advantage of a program such as this. For the 2005-2006 school year, the average award amount for students in this program was \$3,326. The total cost of the program was \$43,234.

Officials at the **Missouri Veterans Commission** assume no impact to the Commission. The Veterans Commission reports 2,246 Vietnam Veterans from Missouri are currently receiving 100% in comp. and pension from the Veterans Administration.

Officials at the **Missouri State University (MSU)** assume that extension of the Vietnam vet survivor grants to those 100% disabled should not have a major impact on MSU. This assumes, as indicated by the proposed legislation, that support for these additional individuals comes from grants from the coordinating board and not as an unfunded mandate to be met by the institution.

The proposed legislation should encompass a very small number of additional individuals to pursue a higher education degree at a late stage in life. While we cannot accurately predict the total number that might be affected without further study and facts, we anticipate the total additional student number would be small and the number that would attend MSU would not impact our facilities or enrollment capacity.

Officials at the **University of Missouri, Truman State University Metropolitan Community College, Linn State Technical College, University of Central Missouri, Lincoln University** each assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight assumes that since the maximum number of grants to be distributed by DHE currently is capped at 12, this bill will have no impact on state funds. This proposal is increasing the number of people who may apply for the grant but does not increase the number of grants issued.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2008
(10 Mo.)

FY 2009

FY 2010

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

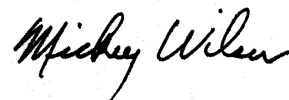
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Higher Education
Missouri Veterans Commission
Truman State University
Metropolitan Community College
Linn State Technical College
University of Central Missouri
University of Missouri
Missouri State University
Lincoln University



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